

Kachemak Drive Path Committee  
Minutes, July 26, 2012

Lynne Burt, Beth Cummings, Bumpo Bremicker, Lindianne Sarno (recording)

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. by chair, Bumpo Bremicker

Approve agenda – Beth moves, Lynne seconds, agenda approved.

Minutes from last meeting, Beth moves, Lynne seconds. Minutes approved.

No public, no reconsideration, no visitors, no public hearing.

Review of Kachemak Drive path work session. No minutes from work session. We walked the path with Jeff Middleton.

Beth summarized in writing what we have discussed and have agreed on. She passes out her summary and we will leave summary for Renee. We read the comments silently.

Bumpo says Andy Haas would like to serve on this committee. Andy should be invited to the Transportation Committee meeting.

Bumpo notes the city has used the same argument we have been making about going ahead to fix intersection at Pioneer and Main Street. State takes too long. City will go ahead on their own.

Discussion of work session: Bridges are discussed. Beth will put bright new survey tape on the path where Bumpo cleared. Beth and Lynne measured from 3/10 mile from where trees start to the west end of the parking lot. From end of bicycle trail to the beach access road across from airport is about ½ mile. It's the most dangerous part of Kachemak Drive, it's the most challenging part. People who own property farther towards the east have expressed negativity about the path.

Getting ready for Transportation Commission, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Beth: would like to contact each city council member and Transportation Commission and ask to walk just the first portion of the first section of trail with Beth, assuming it will start from that end of the trail. Wants to start at base of spit and go east to long term parking. After Francie walked it, she said, I have a better idea what this is all about. Steve Smith, surveyor, is next person Beth would like to walk path. He is on Transportation Commission. Will walk path before August 21 Transportation commission meeting. There is a sign where the Mud Bay Trail goes to the right and the bike path goes up to the left (where Bumpo and Lindianne marked out K Drive Trail). Francie Roberts, Steve Smith, Roberta Highland, Carolyn Venuti will walk with Beth.

City Council: Beth called Beau, he will walk it. Beth is trying to get hold of Dave Lewis. Barbara Howard, she is very busy, Brian Zak is hard to get hold of, Beth Wythe is very busy. Only one person from this committee can walk the path at a time. Lynn would walk path with Mayor Hornaday. Everyone on City Council will have been given opportunity to walk this section.

Regarding right of way, wait until the water sewer line comes through. Landowners will become more receptive.

Trail types: refer to Beth's summary. These trail types refer to the first half mile. First area flat wet lands, tidal, will require construction of retaining wall with fill. Once up on hill after path split, trail will require some retaining wall, bridging,

Beth saw 40 foot section of ramp out on harbor. Brian Hawkins said it is rented out to tour boats. That piece of ramp could be used for bike path bridge. We need to keep track of what is being disposed of at the harbor. HART funds could pay the enterprise zone.

Beth's report is great. Beth summarizes: we need to go to TAC and review relevant information, the whole road will be done in sections, multiyear project. Julie said this could take years. Bumpo thinks City Council could borrow money and make it happen in a year. Agrees it should happen in sections. Julie said the logical place to start would be at Spit end, because of only two owners. We need enough money from City Council to: Survey boundary between City and DOT land. Survey grade. Ask Transportation Commission recommend city pay for an engineering survey of first one-half mile section, separate from entire trail, because we're already working on that..

Getting ready for Transportation Commission meeting: Julie is creating a packet. Let's ask Julie to focus on the first 4/10 mile, to west end of long term parking, which is all City land. Most structurally difficult part. Jeff Middleton said that first section could be done for \$150,000, off the cuff estimate, not including labor. Materials for the bridge, timbers for retaining wall, gravel, equipment. If City hires people they have to pay Davis-Bacon rates. But volunteers will be different.

Lindianne talks about the way HOPP was planned with two geniuses, twenty planners, and almost 600 volunteers. Getting more involved with Bike Club.

We discuss holding a special meeting before the Transportation Commission meeting. Have packet from Julie first. Ask Julie to focus on first section in that packet. Unanimous: we will focus on base of spit to where bridge crosses ravine. Survey work will help in determining the cost and the boundaries. Engineering cost estimate, broken out by materials and labor.

Beth thinks we should ask Paul Seaton support. (1) convince DOT to give us an exception because of safety issues. (2) Getting money from the State, there are grants around for complete streets. Citizens have approved using their money for trails (HART), so if Paul goes to the State, we already have money in the game.

Beth says that City takes 15% of ?

Bumpo: TAC will ask us, (1) are we going to be able to get permission from DOT to build in right of way in first section. Beth says that the first section must be farther than 50 feet from center of road to avoid DOT right of way. Bumpo will measure it. (2) Fill over wetlands issue. Part up against road is hardly used by birds.

Lights for airport approach, who owns the land? Will we go around them? Through them?

First section involves city land only. Just that first section being completed would vastly increase safety. Some bicyclists will continue to ride on road and some will use the first section of bike path.

Bumppo will talk to Julie to discuss packet for TAC.

Potential meeting dates: TAC is 8/21. August 3, 10, and 17 are available both rooms. Fridays. Monday August 6, both rooms. Tuesday, August 14 conference room is available. We choose Tuesday, August 14. We will invite Julie, Lynne will invite Andy Haas.

Comments of the Committee:

Lynne: We are on target. We are not quitting.

Lindianne: We are on target. Focused on the first section of trail.

Bumppo: focus on the positive.

Lindianne will e-mail these notes to Renee, and ask her to send to Committee and Julie.

Meeting adjourned.